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1. On 15 February 1950, the following Soviet aircraft were seen at DESSAU airfield (E06): eighteen jet fighters, thirty-two YAK-7, seven LA-5, and four PO-2.
2. The jet fighters observed were akin to those recently seen at GERMENDORF airfield (Z67): silver grey shell, swept-back wings, high rudder assembly, intake at nose, exhaust duct behind tail. The jet makes a gurgling sound. From 1200 to 1600 hours, twelve of the jets flew in three-plane formations. § Take-offs and landings required about 1,300-1,500 meters of the runway. Flight speed is estimated at approximately 700 kmph with landing gear retracted.
3. Of aircraft at DESSAU, only the LA-5's were specially marked; two with red noses, one with yellow nose, one with white ring.
4. All types of aircraft may be accommodated at DESSAU. The E-W concrete runway is about 2,200 meters long and 40-50 meters wide. The rest of the field is hard, with a solid base and good grass covering. There is no flood danger.
5. A railroad siding connects DESSAU airfield with the DESSAU-KOETHEN line. Tank cars with jet fuel were standing on this siding on 15 February 1950. According to a railroad worker, the cars came from POLAND.
6. [REDACTED]
7. A special MVD surveillance unit has been established at KLEIN HUEHNAU (E06).

Enclosures

Sketch of jet fighter seen at DESSAU airfield.
Sketch map of DESSAU airfield.

§ [REDACTED] Comment: Source has not reported the number of flights made during the 1200-1800 hour period.

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